

We Claim:

1. A polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) amino acids 37-140 of SEQ ID NO:9 (NBN 104);
  - (b) amino acids 39-140 of SEQ ID NO:9 (NBN 102); and
  - (c) amino acids 42-140 of SEQ ID NO:9 (NBN 99).
2. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence consists of amino acids 37-140 of SEQ ID NO:9 (NBN 104).
3. A nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide of claim 1 or 2.
4. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 3.
5. A host cell transformed with the vector of claim 4.
6. The host cell of claim 5, wherein the host cell is a Chinese hamster ovary cell.
7. A method of making the polypeptide of claim 1, comprising: (a) providing a host cell transformed with an expression vector comprising a nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide of claim 1, (b) culturing the host cell, and (c) recovering the polypeptide.
8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
9. A method of treating a peripheral neuropathy or neuropathic pain in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 8.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the composition is administered systemically.